(b) if so, the steps taken to create modern infrastructure of international standards for the development of sports and sportspersons?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, there are serious inadequacies in sports infrastructure and sports facilities in the country, which are being addressed. However, 'Sports' being a State subject in the Constitution, the primary responsibility for the creation of sports infrastructure facilities lies with State Governments. Till 31.3.2005, the Ministry was supplementing the efforts of State Governments by providing assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Sports Infrastructure Scheme in accordance with the approved pattern subject to receipt of viable proposals. But with effect from 1.4.2005, the sports infrastructure schemes were transferred to the State Sector. Thus, fresh cases of sports infrastructure projects will have to be funded by the State Governments out of their own resources.

The Sports Authority of India has also developed extensive infrastructure for sports training which is being further expanded and upgraded. Emphasis is also being given for maximum utilization of the infrastructure created in different parts of the country for events such as the National Games, SAF Games, Afro-Asian Games, etc., and under the State Governments Schemes. All this is in addition to the proposed creation of State-of-the-art infrastructure in the context of the Commonwealth Games 2010 and Commonwealth Youth Games 2008.

The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports is also considering the launching of a scheme-"Panchayat Yuva Khel Abhiyan" with the objective of developing basic sports infrastructure, and promoting games and sports activities, at the village/sub-district level, both as an essential ingredient of the development of the Youth and to significantly expand the catchment for sporting and nurturing of sports talent. Consultation are being held in this regard with all the stakeholders concerned with a view to finalizing the proposal.

Statement by Minister correcting answer to question

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): Sir, I lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th March, 2007 to Unstarred Question 1900 regarding CRF funds for development of roads.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. **Statement (2006) of Allotments made under 5% Discretionary Quota.**

II. **Mou (2006-07) between Government of India and NBCC**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): Sir, I lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

I. Annual Statement of allotments' made under 5% discretionay quota, in accordance with the guidelines issued *vide* Directorate of Estates O.M. No. 12035/2/97-Pol.II (Pt. II) dated the 17th November, 1997, for the year ending 31st December, 2006.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 6216/07]

II. Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Urban Development) and the National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited (NBCC), for the year 2007-2008. [Placed in Libray. See No. L.T. 6217/07]

Notifications of the Ministry of shipping, Road Transport and Highways, Department of Shipping (Ports wing)

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): Sir, I lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following notifications of the Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways, Department of Shipping (Ports Wing), under sub-section (4) of section 124 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963:

(1) G.S.R. 115 (E) dated the 1st March, 2007, publishing the Mumbai Port Trust (Transport, Handing and Storage of Dangerous Goods) Regulations, 2007.

(2) G.S.R. 116 (E) dated the 1st March, 2007, publishing the Mumbai Port Trust (Licensing and Control of Pilots) Regulations, 2007. [Placed in Library, for (1) and (2) *See* No. L.T. 6388/07]

Foreign Trade Policy-2004—2009 and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI):